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FOR KEOGH AND PAYEFF FROM SULLIVAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: AUGMENTATION OF VOA TINANG FACILITIES

REF: USIA 4104

1. ON DECEMBER 28, I RAISED VOA AUGMENTATION AT TINANG WITH EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MELCHOR AND ASKED HIS ADVICE ABOUT BEST METHOD OF INFORMING PRESIDENT MARCOS OF YOUR PLANS. AFTER DISCUSSING PROJECT IN SOME DETAIL AND ASCERTAINING THAT NEW INSTALLATIONS WOULD BE WITHIN PROVISIONS OF CURRENT AGREEMENT, MELCHOR SAID HE WOULD UNDERTAKE TO INFORM PRESIDENT AND RECOMMENDED THAT NO RPT NO MORE FORMAL NOTIFICATION BE MADE.

2. HOWEVER, MELCHOR IMMEDIATELY SEIZED ON INFORMATION THAT WE WOULD EXPECT TO REMOVE THE THREE MOBILE UNITS WHEN OUR NEW TRANSMITTERS BECOME OPERATIONAL. HE ASKED WHAT OUR INTENTIONS ARE WITH RESPECT TO THIS EQUIPMENT. I SAID I WOULD INQUIRE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: ASSUMING PROJECT IS APPROVED AND FUNDED, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT YOU GIVE CONSIDERATION TO TURNING THE THREE MOBILE TRANSMITTERS CEREMONIOUSLY

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OVER TO THE PHILIPPINES. SINCE WE WILL PROBABLY NEED

TO ADD A PROTOCOL TO OUR AGREEMENT RECALCULATING THE
RESIDUAL VALUE OF THE TINANG INSTALLATION AFTER THE
ERECTION OF THE NEW FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT, A DONATION
OF THIS DIMENSION OUGHT TO EASE THAT TRANSACTION
SIGNIFICANTLY.

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